

PRENTICE F SHELDON
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PRENTICE F SHELDON

(Last) (First) (Middle)

52 SOUTH BROAD STREET

(Street)

NORWICH, NY 13815

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NBT BANCORP INC [NBTB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/15/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Corp SVP, Gen. Counsel, Sec'y

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 01/15/2012 | | F | | 199 D \$ 23.14 | | D |
| NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock | 01/18/2012 | | A | | 6,440 (1) A \$ 0 | | D |
| NBT Bancorp | 01/18/2012 | | A | | 1,375 (2) A \$ 0 | | D |

Inc.
Common
Stock

NBT
Bancorp
Inc.
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 24.47 | | | | | 05/01/2011 ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2020 | NBT Bancorp Inc. Common Stock 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PRENTICE F SHELDON 52 SOUTH BROAD STREET NORWICH, NY 13815 | | | Corp SVP, Gen. Counsel, Sec'y | |

Signatures

F. Sheldon

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01/18/2012

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. Omnibus Performance Unit Agreement, each member of a select group of Management is entitled to
- (1) receive an award based on Company performance goals in the form of restricted stock units that vests four years following the end of a performance period.
 - (2) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. Omnibus Restricted Stock Unit Agreement the grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.
 - (3) Pursuant to NBT Bancorp Inc. Omnibus Stock Option Agreement the grant vests 40% for first year, 20% annually for following years.

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